

he works in the General Hospital itself but in a different section or ward.

PRESIDENT.

There will be a record of the casual leave and other leave arrangements.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Oh, yes.

PRESIDENT.

As to the arrangements, I think that, even after a laborious search of all the records, I think these temporary arrangements could not be found out.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

My object in asking this question was to know whether some mistakes were made, and I wanted to see whether the hands in the department have sufficient work, which, I am sure, they have not, and thus I could prepare my way for the next budget session. If the Government finds it difficult to answer the question, I accept the difficulty.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

I wish to raise a point of order. No dates can be supplied on account of the difficulty. It does not serve any public interest for which these questions were asked. The question is not one for furnishing the statistics or, I may say, the records for the last 10 or 15 years. It is only for one year. Now, the answer is given here that no dates can be furnished, no record is kept for all arrangements, and I ask whether any member can get up and say that without assigning any reasons. I doubt very much on that point.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

No dates can be furnished as to the minor arrangements. As to the casual leave and other arrangements, when men are sent in acting vacancies, there is a record. In the Ophthalmic Dispensary no record is kept as to the dates on which such and such persons were in charge for such and such a period. That is a very difficult thing. Further, nowhere are such records kept. My reply implies that. It is not done anywhere, not even in British India, so far as I know.

The appointment of Medical Surgeons for Medical Inspection in Schools.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

296. In answer to question No. 2 of the last session, the Government has stated that two special Assistant Surgeons were deputed for the medical inspection of schools. Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) Whether these two officers are even now engaged in working the scheme?

(b) What were the posts these officers were occupying before they were deputed for this special work?

(c) Who were the persons appointed to these vacancies?

(d) If the system of medical inspection is now discontinued, have these inspecting officers reverted to their permanent places?

(e) Are the new appointments still retained, and if so, why?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(a) Yes, but not entirely by themselves.

(b) They were Assistant Surgeons attached to the General Hospital, Ernakulam and the Civil Hospital, Trichur, respectively.

(c) Messrs. T. Koshi Mathew and B. C. Antony.

(d) The system of medical inspection has not been discontinued, but is now distributed among the local Medical Officers.

(e) Yes. They were retained, as there is a large number of schools in Ernakulam and Trichur centres, which it is not possible to be undertaken by the permanent hands attached to these two Hospitals without detriment to the regular routine work.

Treatment for Hydrophobia in the General Hospital.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

297. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) Whether a Travancorean who sought treatment for hydrophobia in the State General Hospital was refused admission;

(b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons for so doing;

(c) Whether they are aware that the very same patient was successfully treated by a member of the Cochin Royal Family;

(d) The approximate expenditure per head for hydrophobia treatment;

(e) Whether the Government have made any comparison between the native and English methods of treatment on the matter with regard to efficiency and expenditure;

(f) Whether animals are treated for that disease in the General Hospital;